

Resolution on the Racist Killing of Ramarley Graham by the NYPD

WHEREAS, on February 2nd, 2012, in the Wakefield neighborhood of the Bronx, Officer Richard Haste and Sargeant Scott Morris kicked down the door and entered the apartment where Ramarley Graham lived with his grandmother and shot the 18 year old African-American youth dead; and

WHEREAS Graham had no gun, and Haste had no warrant; and

WHEREAS Graham is but one of many African-American and Latino people killed in recent years by members of the NYPD, including Eleanor Bumpurs, Amadou Diallo, Sean Bell and Anthony Baez; and

WHEREAS the PSC has recently passed a “Resolution to End the New York City Police Department's Ineffective, Unjustifiable, Racist, Massive 'Stop and Frisk' Policies,” which will be presented at the 2012 NYSUT Representative Assembly; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the PSC condemn the shooting of Ramarley Graham and the police policies and practices that set the stage for his killing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the PSC send a letter of condolence and support to Ramarley Graham's family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the PSC call on its members to attend and observe the trial when it occurs; and be it further

RESOLVED, the PSC inform its members and provide information to CUNY students of this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED that the PSC publish materials explaining that the “War on Drugs” and “Stop and Frisk,” policies implemented by Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Kelly, have created a climate of police repression (including frequent harassment and humiliation) in black and Latino neighborhoods and set the stage for the killing of innocent youth such as Ramarley Graham.

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